

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	12. CONCLUSIONS
13 Mar 52	Columbus, Ohio	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION	13. Was Aircraft
Local 1815	<input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Vision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Vision	<input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar
5. GWT	6. SOURCE	14. Probably Aircraft
	5 civilians	<input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	15. Was Astronomical
	1	<input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING	9. COURSE	<input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
Vapor trail from B-45		<input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
	11. COMMENTS	A/C B-45

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COUNTRY U.S.A.	REPORT NO. 102-332-79	(LEAVE BLANK) UNCLASSIFIED
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Unidentified Aerial Object		
AREA REPORTED ON Columbus, Ohio	FROM (Agency)	
DATE OF REPORT 14 March 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 13 March 1952	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) Lt J. K. Rothstein	SOURCE Civilians	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)		
On 13 March 1952 a report was received from Mr. Harry Franken of the Columbus Citizen newspaper in Columbus, Ohio, telephone AD 1111, that an unidentified aerial object was sighted northwest of Columbus between 1815 and 1845 on 12 March 1952. The object was sighted by:		
Mr. A. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Columbus, Ohio	Mr. P. [REDACTED] (General [REDACTED]) [REDACTED] Columbus, Ohio	
[REDACTED] Johnstown, Ohio	Mr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Columbus, Ohio	
Dr. [REDACTED] Johnstown, Ohio		
The object was described as being a long shiny and wingless object, tapering from nose to tail with a pinkish red flame from the rear. It was traveling SW and made a circle north.		
Lt [REDACTED] went to Columbus on 13 March 1952 to interview the observers. At North American, Mr. [REDACTED]er, [REDACTED] for plant protection, was contacted prior to seeing Mr. [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he also saw the object and had immediately recognized it as a North American B-45 from Lockbourne AFB flying at an altitude of approximately 28000 to 30000 feet. The vapor trail of the aircraft was struck by the rays of the sun, which was setting at the time, giving off an orange or reddish color. Mr. [REDACTED] volunteered the names of the following observers who corroborated his story:		
Mr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] North American Aviation, Inc. Columbus, Ohio	Capt. J. [REDACTED] lot [REDACTED] Columbus, Ohio 91st Strategic Recon. Squadron Lockbourne Air Force Base	
Cpl. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Strategic Recon. Squadron Lockbourne Air Force Base INCLs.		
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March 26, 1952

Captain F. H. McGovern
Box 9575, Bldg. 263,
Wright-Patterson Field,
Dayton, Ohio

Subject: Aerial phenomenon sighted 5:45 p.m.
March 12, 1952, Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Sir;

Reference your telephone conversation with the undersigned, March 25, 1952, the following persons have been contacted:

Cpl. R. [REDACTED] (Resides [REDACTED])
[REDACTED] (Sapper, Section,
Strategic Recon. Squadron,
Lockbourne Air Force Base. Phone 629.

Capt. [REDACTED] Pilot,
[REDACTED], [REDACTED] 02
Columbus, Ohio.
91st. Strategic Recon. Sqd.
Lockbourne Air Force Base.

The above may be contacted through the office of Lt. Col. Ruff, Adj., Lockbourne AF Base, Phone FR 75711, Lockbourne, Ohio.

I trust that the above may be of some benefit to you.

Sincerely Yours,

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Plant Protection Div., Cols., Ohio.

P.S. I have just learned, that any contact with Capt. [REDACTED] will have to be expedited immediately as he will not be available after April 1.

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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 5

DATE: 12 Mar 52

TIME (Local): 1815

LOCATION: Columbus, Ohio

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: Unknown

SOUND: None

SPEED: 30,000'

ALTITUDE: High

HEADING: 135°

SOURCE: Newspaper Reporter

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Object was identified as a B-45 aircraft. The setting sun caused the vapor trail to appear reddish.

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Long, shiny, apparently wingless object with a pinkish-red flame to the rear. (Postscripted)

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